

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 25, 2003**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at 3:00 p.m., at the Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Room 328-A, Detroit, MI 48226.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members Present**

Willie E. Hampton  
Arthur Blackwell, II (ABS)  
Erminia Ramirez (ABS)  
Edgar L. Vann, Jr. (ABS)  
Megan Norris

**Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings  
AC Harold Cureton  
AC Walter Shoulders  
DC Gary Christian  
Cmdr. Willie Burden  
Insp. Ralph Godbee  
Insp. Walter Martin  
Lt. Lloyd Sharper  
Sgt. Erin Stephens  
Sgt. Debbie Jackson  
PO Eric Jarmon  
PO Jarrod Wombley  
PO Watson

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Exec. Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supv. Investigator

Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator  
Lt. Lloyd Sharper, Office of the Chief Investigator  
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator  
Stephan Thompson, Senior Police Commission Investigator  
E. Lynise Bryant-Weekes, Personnel Director

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Walters

## **RECORDERS**

Jerome Adams  
Felicia Hardaway  
Kellie Williams

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Hampton** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:17 p.m.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Thursday, November 20, 2003**

**Comm. Hampton** tabled the minutes of Thursday, November 20, 2003 until the next full meeting of the Board.

### **3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

**Comm. Hampton** asked for a moment of silence in memory of the former Chief of Police William Hart who recently passed .

### **4. SECRETARY REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS**

#### **Office Closing**

The Board of Police Commissioners Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be closed on Thursday, November 27, 2003 and Friday,

November 28, 2003, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, December 1, 2003.

## **CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
<b>Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,167</b>
<b>Weekly Count of Allegations:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,524</b>
Arrest	0	102
Demeanor	3	720
Entry	0	53
Force	0	222
Harassment	0	88
Procedure	0	915
Property	1	130
Search	0	94
Service	0	198

### Pending Cases

As of November 24, 2003, the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) has a total of **636 pending cases**, which include **142 cases** with an age of 0-45 days, **33 cases** with an age of 46-60 days, **78 cases** with an age of 61-90 days, and **91 cases** with an age of 91-120 days, **181 cases** with an age of 121 days – 6 months, **93 cases** with an age of 7-9 months, and **18 cases** with an age of 10-12 months.

---

### 2002

During the past week:	17	Year to Date:	1,031
-----------------------	----	---------------	-------

## **5. CHIEF'S REPORT**

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated that the Department received notification that former Chief of Police William Hart had passed away. The funeral arrangements are scheduled for Saturday, November 29, 2003 at 10 a.m.

She also stated that he was the 1<sup>st</sup> Chief of Police that she served under and under his administration is one of the reasons why you have the

number of women and minority police officers in the department. She worked on Chief Hart's staff prior to leaving the police department. She stated on behalf of the Department that they are saddened by this loss.

# DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

---

## Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department's mission is building a safer Detroit through community partnerships. Therefore, the following enforcement actions were conducted during the week of November 19 - 24, 2003:

### **ORGANIZED CRIME AND GANG DIVISION**

Conspiracy Intelligence Section – conducted three enforcement actions in the following areas: two locations in the 19700 block of Lahser, and Dequindre and E. McNichols, in the City of Detroit. These enforcement actions resulted in the following arrest and confiscations:

1 felony arrest  
1,037.1 grams of cocaine - street value \$414,840.00

Gang Enforcement Section – conducted one enforcement action in the 7800 block of North Fountain Park, in the City of Detroit. This enforcement action resulted in the following confiscations:

74 grams of cocaine, 1500 grams of marijuana – street value \$29,600.00

Vice Section – conducted one enforcement action in the 8000 block of Fenkell, in the City of Detroit. This enforcement action resulted in the following arrests and confiscations:

4 felony arrests  
58 misdemeanor arrests  
1 gram of cocaine, 10.2 grams of marijuana – street value \$441.00  
58 miscellaneous ordinances issued  
20 vehicles  
1 handgun

### **FIFTH PRECINCT**

On November 20, 2003, officers of the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct received a police run to Navahoe and E. Jefferson, on "A Carjacking." While interviewing the complainant at this location, the officers' observed a van drive by fitting the description of the

wanted vehicle. As a result of their investigation, the subject was subsequently arrested and conveyed to the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct without incident.

### **TWELFTH PRECINCT**

On November 20, 2003, officers of the 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct received information from dispatch that a robbery had just occurred in the 14600 block of W. 8 Mile, in the City of Detroit. The officers checked the area for the wanted vehicle. As a result of the officers' keen observation, two wanted females were arrested. Confiscated was a .32 caliber blue steel revolver, .8 grams of cocaine (street value \$320.00), stolen jewelry and \$111.00. On November 21, 2003, both subjects were charged with "Armed Robbery and Carrying a Concealed Weapon in a Motor Vehicle. Both subjects had the following additional charges: a) 1 Count of Possession of less than 2 grams of Cocaine, 1 Count of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felony Firearm and Habitual, b) Habitual 2.

### **AVIATION UNIT**

During the above period the Aviation Unit provided aerial assistance for enforcement in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> Precincts. In addition, the Aviation Unit provided scheduled school protection patrols.

### **VIOLENT CRIME TASK FORCE (V.C.T.F.)**

On October 16, 2003, a 27-year-old male and his vehicle were reported missing from Royal Oak, Michigan. On October 23, 2003, the missing's vehicle was recovered in the Third Precinct, within the City of Detroit. Due to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Violent Crime Task Force, the Sterling Heights Police Department and Dearborn Heights Police Department working in cooperative efforts, two dangerous felons were removed from the streets on November 19, 2003. Both men are charged with "Murder First Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Murder."

**Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings**

## **6. DISCIPLINARY APPEAL ARGUED – APPEALS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Comm. Hampton** tabled the Disciplinary Appeals Argued until the next full meeting of the Board.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**8. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**Ms. Walters** stated the services for former Chief of Police William Hart would be held at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church on James Couzens Service Drive.

She stated that the mindset of all people must change in order for reform to take place.

**Comm. Norris** stated that she was quite affected by last week's meeting. It reminded her that her profession is more guilty of this than any. We all too often focus on legally whether somebody had a right to shoot somebody or technically whether it was justified or not; as opposed to focusing on whether it was necessary or was it preventable. She stated will not profess to know all of the details of the shootings that were discussed last week and juries and judges have already evaluated those that come to different results at different times. She stated that the Board heard a lot of pain and anger, which is very real. Anytime that someone loses their life that way, it is a tragedy. She stated that it was a reminder to everyone that it is not just about policies or procedures, legal issues and rights, it is about are there ways to make sure that it doesn't happen anymore unless it is absolutely necessary.

**Comm. Hampton** wished on behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners that everyone have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, December 4, 2003 @ 3:00 p.m.  
1300 Beaubien – Room 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Minutes of the BPC Meeting**

**Thursday, October 30, 2003**

**Page 7**

**DANTE' L. GOSS**

Executive Director

Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/fyh**